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TO EXPLOIT MORE SHALE,
NATURAL GAS, COAL DEPOSITS

PIT TO PRODUCE 2,000 TONS OF OIL SHALE PER DAY -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 25 Aug 50

In 1947, the northern wall of the Aleksinac basin was prospected for oil shale by Engr Gligoriye Mundric and by geologist Pavlovic. They made seven drillings. The oil shale in the southern section yielded, on the average, 8 percent of petroleum, while that of the northern section yielded less. The prospectors found that the oil shale located at greater depths is better than that located on the surface. Individual layers, which are several meters thick, contain over 15 percent of petroleum; others, which are less thick, may contain over 32 percent of petroleum.

The industrial processing of oil shale was begun in Aleksinac this year. The first furnaces have been installed. Numerous pits have been dug, and an industrial railroad has been laid.

The open-face pit, which will soon be ready for exploitation, will produce 2,000 tons of oil shale per day.

Thus far the workers in the Aleksinac oil-shale basin have not completely mastered the processing of oil shale into petroleum.

At present, the shale mine has only two rows of condensers. Others are being set up on the other side of the Moravica River. Before the end of 1950, eight new furnaces will be constructed. A new bridge is being built over the Moravica River; the oil shale will be transported across the bridge to the new furnaces.

NATURAL GAS INSTALLATIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Zagreb Vjesnik, 19 Aug 50

In addition to increasing the number of petroleum towers, the Dolnja Lendava petroleum enterprise is building new installations for obtaining and processing natural gas. These projects will be completed by the end of 1951. Aircraft gasoline, liquid propane, liquid butane, and methane will be obtained from the natural gas. The equipment for separating gasoline, propane, and butane from natural gas already has been set up.

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The equipment by which liquid propane and butane is obtained from methane gas is partly in operation. It is expected that by the end of 1950, Yugoslavia will produce enough propane and butane to make them available for general consumption.

After the gas-pipeline net is laid, gas production will be increased 30 percent. A system of compressor stations, where methane will be compressed into steel containers, is now under construction.

DISCOVER MORE COAL DEPOSITS -- Belgrade Borba, 24 Aug 50

Sarajevo, 23 August -- New coal deposits in Bosnia and Herzegovina have been discovered in Teslic, Tesin, Ugljevik, and Miljevina, and on the Duvanjsko Polje. Coal mines have been opened in several of these places. The coal mine in Miljevina now has four shafts. This month the last drilling will begin in the mine at Teslic.

Prospecting has continued in the Breza, Banovici, Kakanj, Kreka, and Zenica coal fields. Coal deposits in these areas have been found to cover tens of kilometers.

MORE COAL IN 1950 THAN IN 1949 -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 10 Aug 50

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, 20 percent more coal was dug during the first half of 1950 than during the first half of 1949. However, the plan for the first half of 1950 was fulfilled by only 90 percent. According to the plan, the production for the first half of 1950 was to have been increased 27 percent as compared to the planned production for the first half of 1949.

In 1939, 1,550,000 tons of coal were produced in the republic, while this year the production is approximately three times as large. In 1949, 3,850,000 tons of coal were produced in the republic. The 1950 plan calls for 4,900,000 tons.

RECONSTRUCT COAL MINE -- Zagreb Borba, 9 Aug 50

Koper, 8 August -- A large coal mine is being reconstructed in Sikole /Sic-jole?/. The mine was flooded during World War II. Powerful pumps suck 1,600 cubic meters of water per day out of the flooded mine. A transformer station and a high-tension power line are under construction there. According to the plan, the production of the reopened coal mine is scheduled to be 300 tons of coal per day. The prewar production is expected to be surpassed in 1951.

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